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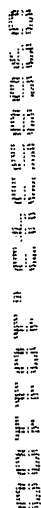
**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

Re: New U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application  
Title: LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA, AND VECTORS AND  
RECOMBINANT CELLS CONTAINING LENTIVIRAL  
TRIPLEX DNA  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 68 pages, including title page, Abstract, 5 independent claims, and 43 claims total.
2. Drawings - 11 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-9B).
3. Biological Deposit Forms (in French (original) and English (translation)).
4. Sequence Listing (7 pages of paper copy; 1 diskette).
5. Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance With 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825.
6. A check for \$1,284.00, representing a \$710.00 filing fee and \$574.00 for extra claims.



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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/158,387, filed October 12, 1999.

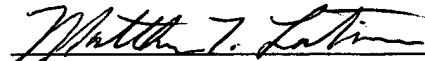
This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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